



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The GOOD COMMUNITY

PART III: OPEN HEARTS AND MINDS



Putting "Arms and Legs



on Christ's love in the world."

Sept. 17, 2023 | Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

PRELUDE: "Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men", Walther

*CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Stand as you are able.)*

Leader: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God.
Let us remember God's marvelous works.

**People: Surely God has saved us in difficult times.
How can we forget God's guiding hand?**

Leader: When evil surrounds us and we have been wronged,
God helps us turn the evil to good.

**People: We need not be afraid whatever happens.
We are in God's care wherever we go.**

Leader: Sing the praises of God, our strength
Know that God is majestic and holy.

**People: How great is God's mercy for all who worship!
We sense among us God's kindness and patience.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #262 *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

***THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison)*

Majestic God, who led our spiritual ancestors with a pillar of cloud that hid them by day and protected them by night, lead us through the threatening times in which we live. Save us from the floods of our own misplaced trust, as you saved them from the waters of the sea and the weapons of their pursuers. On this day, grant strength to those who are weak and support for all who are stumbling. Let every tongue praise you as we give account to you of our deeds. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

Caring for Us

Caring for Others

Praising God

*HYMN OF MEDITATION: #254 *"Heavenly Spirit, Gentle Spirit"*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: ROMANS 14:1-12 #923

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "THE GOOD COMMUNITY"
PART III: OPEN HEARTS AND MINDS

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Doxology **(Stand as you are able.)* #625 unison prayer of dedication
praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above ye Heavenly host; **
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

*(**alternate: Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen)*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A TIME OF GOING OUT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(We offer one another the peace of Christ for the week ahead.)

*HYMN SENDING FORTH: #249 *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon
My Heart"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Fugue in C major", Handel

(Please remain seated "quietly" during the postlude.)

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Everyone is Welcome!

Feel at home, *for* Christ Jesus is our host. If you are visiting for the first time, we are delighted to have you here!

The Psalmist sings: *"Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing... thanksgiving... and praise."*
We pray peace and joy to you, dear friend.

WORSHIP TEAM

Senior Pastor	Pastor Chris Buckingham-Taylor
Organist	Allen Cadwallader
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Scripture Reader	Judy McCurdy
Ushers	Judy McCurdy, Dave Rice, Sue Cherry, Betty Pekare

"When leaving the church, please make sure to push the door closed. There have been times it's left unlocked." *Thank you!*

Church News

Please take a moment to fill out the yellow Participation cards and drop into the offering plate. *Participation cards should be filled out weekly.* Thank you!



BREEZE Chapel

Join us! **A 30-minute 'mid-week' Worship Service**
Wednesdays, 7-7:30 PM - In the Chapel



Meet the Pastor | Sandstone Coffee House, Amherst
Wednesday from 9-11:00 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to participate,
so please come out and join in!

Most of us take eating together for granted but the simple act of sharing a meal is a greater one than we imagine. Food is so much more than just fuel. It's a fundamental part of our health, relationships, culture and well-being. Eating together is about coming together; about belonging. –*amDietetics, Healthy Eating Blog*

Help Feed our Children!

THERE IS A REAL NEED FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS
for the **CHILDREN'S WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM.**

- . Single Serving PB & Jelly
- . Peanut Butter Crackers
- . Canned Soup (Pop top lids)
- . Spaghetti-Os (Pop top lids)
- . Mac & Cheese (Microwavable)
- . Individual Cereals
- . Granola Bars
- . Fruit Cups & Jello Cups
- . Oatmeal Packages
- . Small Bag Pretzels
- . Small Bag Chips

**Please leave your
donations
in the drop boxes
at church.**



Thank you!

Your donations continue to help the children who participate in the Weekend Children's Backpack Program in partnership with Good Shepard Baptist Church. We also collect 'regular food items' for families that have food insecurities.

Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes at the church. Pam Miskov will make sure donations are delivered. *Thanks to Pam and everyone who donates.*



“CROP HUNGER WALK”

Sun., Oct. 8, 2:00 PM | Meet at 5 point downtown Amherst

Please join us to help end hunger!

Everyone loves to walk for health reasons, but with the Crop Hunger Walk you not only help yourself, you help others in your community and globally. ***Sign up today!***

1. Get your pledge form from the church office.
2. Get sponsors/donations or just sponsor yourself.
3. Turn in pledges/form to Tom Jewell the day of the walk.

25% of monies raised go directly to the Amherst Food Pantry at Good Shepherd Baptist. Let's have a good attendance of walkers to show that HUNGER MATTERS to St. Peter's!

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YOGA with Mary-K

St. Peter's UCC, enter Chapel door to the lower level | Cost: \$10
Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM (arrive by 8:25 AM)
Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM (arrive by 5:55 PM)

Bible Study is cancelled Tuesday, July 19th

2023 Quilt Show

presented by Lorain County Piecemakers Quilt Guild
New Russia Township Lodge, 46300 Butternut Ridge Rd

Friday, Sept. 15 | 10am-5pm
Saturday, Sept. 16 | 10am-5pm
Sunday, Sept. 17, 10am-4pm

Handbell Choir Resumes!

Handbell Choir rehearsal starts Thursday, Sept. 28th starting at 7:00 PM. We hope to everyone back as we head into fall.

Calling All Volunteers-Fall Cleaning Day!

The church will be having a cleaning day at the church on Saturday, September 23rd from 9-Noon. Anyone that can spare some time to help will be greatly appreciated!



At St. Peter's we work together in love to build strong foundations for our lives in Christ. This firm foundation allows us to put **"Arms and Legs on Christ's love in the world."** We believe that God is calling you to be embraced by God's radical love and to be a part of this foundation of faith.

Join us LIVE on **Facebook: St. Peter's UCC Amherst, OH**

Zoom: Meeting ID: 524 411 3917 | Passcode: 379205
(or call in with phone: 1 929 205 6099)

The service will be posted at a later date to view on our
YouTube channel: St Peters UCC Amherst

NEW! Be sure to check out **"A minute with Pastor Chris"**
on YouTube! Also, please Subscribe, Like and Share



This Week's Events

Mon., Sept. 18	Communion Visits, 1-4 PM Council Meeting, 7 PM, Zoom
Tues., Sept. 19	Bible Study Cancelled
Wed., Sept. 20	YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM Breeze Chapel, Wednesday, 7 PM
Thurs., Sept. 21	YOGA with Mary-K, 6-7:15 PM
Sun., Sept. 24	Worship Service Baptism

How To Reach Us

Office Hours: Mon.–Fri. 8:30-12:30 PM *and* 1-2:30 PM
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